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In response to the action mailed April 25, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 4, 9 and 10 as follows:

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Cl } 1. (Amended) A method for producing a hierarchical data file for a multimedia document, the data file having different file formats encapsulated within the data file, the method comprising:

- [a.] encapsulating in a multimedia document a first file support object including information in a first file format;
- [b.] supporting the first file support object by the multimedia document;
- [c.] encapsulating in the multimedia document a second file support object including information in a second file format different from the first file format; [and]
- [d.] supporting the second file support object by the multimedia document[.]; and
encapsulating in the multimedia document choreographing information for allowing a document author to define relative times at which the first file support object and the second file support object are displayed.

4. (Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the data file is displayed in a window on a computer display, the method further comprising:

- [a.] creating an exclusionary area within the window; and